



## ABOUT THE DRIVE FOR VETERANS

The Drive for Veterans is a cross-country fundraising trip to promote support and compassion for wounded American veterans and their families. Columbia ParCar, headquartered in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, is the organizing sponsor of the fundraiser and has donated several zero-emission, low-speed electric vehicles for the Drive. The street-legal Eagles can drive up to 25 miles per hour and will be used to travel across the lower third of the United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. Kicking off on October 20 from San Diego, California, the Drive will travel east to Savannah, Georgia, then turn south along the East Coast and finish in The Villages, Florida. The convoy will stop frequently to promote support for veterans, raise money and awareness for veterans' charities and educate communities on the benefits of using electric vehicles.

The goal for the Drive for Veterans is to raise a minimum of \$500,000, which will be donated to the Fisher House Foundation and the Semper Fi Fund/America's Fund, two non-profit organizations committed to assisting and caring for wounded American veterans and their families.

To learn more about the Drive for Veterans, to follow the convoy's progress across the United States, or to help support wounded American veterans, follow [@DriveForVeterans](#) on Twitter, visit [www.youtube.com/DriveForVets](http://www.youtube.com/DriveForVets), or go to [www.driveforveterans.com](http://www.driveforveterans.com).

## FACTS ABOUT VETERANS IN THE UNITED STATES:

- There are **21.5 million** military veterans living in the United States.
- **3.5 million** veterans have a disability or were injured while in service.
- **9.2 million** veterans are over 65 years old and **1.8 million** veterans are under 35 years old.
- The highest populations of Veterans in the United States are in **California** (1.9 million), **Florida** (1.6 million) and **Texas** (1.6 million).
- **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder** (PTSD) is the leading cause of homelessness and unemployment in veterans.

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If you are interested in attending one of the events that the Drive for Veterans will be a part of, visit [bit.ly/DFVRoute](http://bit.ly/DFVRoute) to see where the caravan is headed and what events our drivers and promoters will be participating in. Each visit will help build support for wounded American veterans and their families, but we can't do it alone. We need your help, your time and your attention to accomplish our goals. We look forward to seeing you on the road!

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS



### THE FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION

A Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of American soldiers and veterans receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. The Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is no fee to stay in a Fisher House. Since 1990, the foundation has saved military service members, veterans and their families an estimated \$200 million in out-of-pocket costs for lodging and transportation. There are 62 Fisher Houses located in the United States and Germany. [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

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### THE SEMPER FI FUND

The Semper Fi Fund/America’s Fund provides immediate financial support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Urgently needed resources are directed to post-9/11 Marines and Sailors, as well as members of the Army, Air Force or Coast Guard who serve in support of Marine forces. The Fund provides support in a variety of ways, including Service Member and Family Support, Specialized and Adaptive Equipment, Adaptive Housing, Adaptive Transportation, Education and Career Transition Assistance, Therapeutic Arts, and Team Semper Fi. [www.semperfifund.org](http://www.semperfifund.org)



### COLUMBIA PARCAR

Columbia ParCar is an American manufacturer of zero-emission, low-speed electric vehicles and is a part of the Nordic Group of Companies. The Nordic Group of Companies is a family-owned management and manufacturing business headquartered in Baraboo, Wisconsin, and owns manufacturing operations extending throughout the United States, Mexico and Europe. Members of the Nordic Group of Companies include Columbia ParCar, Flambeau and Seats Incorporated, leaders in their respective industries.

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